



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, all Americans owe an extraordinary debt of gratitude and appreciation to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, we must give special tribute to the brave service members who have been imprisoned while protecting the well-being of their country and those who remain missing; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress recognized the National League of POW/MIA Families Flag and designated it "as a symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation;" and

WHEREAS, today not only represents the utmost respect and gratitude of a grateful Nation but also stands as a symbolic statement of our continued resolve, 20 years later, to account for United States personnel still missing from our Nation's past wars and conflicts; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize not only those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in defense of our national principles and for the freedoms and liberty we enjoy as a Nation, but also the family members and friends of our country's Prisoners of War and our unreturned veterans, America's MIAs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

AS

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-third day of August in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR